



State Library of Massachusetts - Special Collections Department

# Ms. Coll. 146

## Edward M. Augustus Papers, 2000-2009: Guide

### COLLECTION SUMMARY

**Creator:** Augustus, Edward M.

**Call Number:** Ms. Coll. 146

**Extent:** 2 boxes (2 linear feet)

**Preferred Citation Style:** *Folder Title, Box Number #.* Edward M. Augustus Papers. State Library of Massachusetts Special Collections.

**About This Finding Aid:** Description based on DACS.

**Provenance:** Gift of Edward M. Augustus, January 2, 2009.

**Processed by:** Finding aid prepared by Tina Vegelante, 2010; updated by Abigail Cramer, October, 2012.

**Abstract:** This collection documents Augustus's work as a Massachusetts Senator.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection documents the work of Representative Edward M. Augustus, Jr., predominately in the areas of concern to him and legislation he sponsored or co-sponsored. He had a strong interest in economic development (particularly brownfields), education and public safety. This collection contains working files of emails, staff research on issues and memos documenting his legislative priorities. The collection includes his daily agenda, which spanned 3½ years of his term. Correspondence files are a minor portion of his papers.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Edward M. Augustus Jr. was born March 31, 1965, in Worcester, Massachusetts. The oldest of three siblings, his father was a machinist and his mother worked as a bank clerk. He attended the Gates Lane public school in Worcester from kindergarten through eighth grade and Saint John's High School in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. The first college graduate in his family, he worked his way through Suffolk University earning a B.A. in political science in 1989. In 1998, he went on to receive a M.A. in Government from Johns Hopkins University.

Augustus served two terms on the Worcester School Committee from 1989 to 1993 and one term on the Worcester Human Rights Commission in 1990. He was the Director of Staff Training at the Worcester County House of Correction from 1989 to 1993. A leader in education issues, he worked in the U.S. Department of Education as the Northeast Coordinator for the National Performance Review program and Chief of Staff for the Assistant Secretary of Education from 1993 to 1998. Augustus was the top policy advisor and Chief of Staff for U.S. Representative James P. McGovern from 1999 to 2004. A Democrat, he was elected to two terms in the Massachusetts Senate from 2005 to 2008. The committees on which he served were Senate Bills in the Third Reading (Chair), Election Laws (Chair), Veterans and Foreign Affairs (Vice-Chair), Labor and Workforce Development, Public Service (Vice Chair), and Ways and Means. The Senator was Co-chair of the Central Massachusetts Legislative Caucus with Representative Lewis G. Evangelidis of Holden. While in office, he sat on the Worcester Commission on Homelessness established by the City Manager. Augustus was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 2000, 2004 and 2008.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### ***Arrangement***

The collection arrived in one very large box in no particular order. The subject folders have been rearranged into broader topical areas and filed chronologically within their larger topic. Single subject folders have been interfiled within the broader topics. The larger files were re-folded into smaller ones. The two original constituent mail binders have been combined into one set of folders. The audio visual materials remain in their original folder.

The collection is arranged into three series:

*Series I. Subject Files, 2000-2008*

*Series II. Correspondence, 2005-2007*

*Series III. Daily Agenda, 2005-2009*

### ***Conditions Governing Access***

This collection is open for research during the Special Collections Department's regular hours.

### ***Technical Access***

The collection contains four DVDs, which can be viewed in the Special Collections reading room.

### ***Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use***

Copyright restrictions may apply. Requests for permission to publish material from this collection should be discussed with Special Collections staff.

### ***Languages and Scripts***

The materials are entirely in English.

### ***Immediate Source of Acquisition***

Gift of Edward M. Augustus, January 2, 2009.

### ***Appraisal, Destruction, and Scheduling***

The following items have been removed from the collection:

- Duplicate news articles and press packages have been removed from the collection.

### ***Detailed Series Description and Container List***

#### **Series I: Subject Files, 2000-2008**

##### ***Scope and Content***

This series consists of various subject files created by Augustus and his staff.

##### ***Arrangement***

Materials are arranged approximately alphabetically.

| <b>Box #</b> | <b>Folder Title</b>   | <b>Date</b> |
|--------------|---|-------------|
| 1            | Alternatives to Toxic Chemicals: Testimony, Letters [S.553]                   | 2005        |
| 1            | Economic Development: Worcester Mayor Timothy Murray's Brownfields Roundtable | undated     |
| 1            | Economic Development: Brownfields Background                                  | 2004-2007   |

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|---|---|-----------------|
| 1 | Economic Development: Upton Development Home Rule [H.4371]  | 2005            |
| 1 | Economic Development: Brownfields Press Event [S.146]   | April 11, 2005  |
| 1 | Economic Development: Brownfields Groups  | 2005            |
| 1 | Economic Development: Brownfields Packets   | 2005            |
| 1 | Economic Development: Brownfields Testimony: Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business                        | 2005            |
| 1 | Economic Development: Massachusetts Assn. of Community Development Corporations - Smart Growth Alliance                         | 2005            |
| 1 | Economic Development: Amendment [S.146]   | 2005            |
| 1 | Economic Development: Packets [S.146]   | 2005            |
| 1 | Economic Development: Upton Development Home Rule [H.4371]  | 2005            |
| 1 | Economic Development: Brownfields: Asbestos and Lead Paint  | 2005-2007       |
| 1 | Economic Development: FY06 Brownfields Trust Fund and Tax Credit  | 2006-2007       |
| 1 | Co-sponsors for Bills   | 2007-2008       |
| 1 | Education: Homeless Students [2 folders]  | 2002-2006       |
| 1 | Education: Dropouts [S.290] [8 folders]   | 2004, 2006-2008 |
| 1 | Education: Update to Dropout Bill, June - July [S.290] [2 folders]  | 2007            |
| 1 | Education: Chapter 70 Adequacy Study [2 folders]  | 2006-2007       |
| 1 | Education: Science Initiative   | 2005-2006       |
| 1 | Education: Tax Deduction - College Savings Plan   | 2005-2006       |
| 1 | Education: Dropout Conference   | 2007            |
| 1 | Education: Joint Committee on Education Public Hearing  | 2007            |
| 1 | Education: Rennie Center Panel  | 2008            |
| 1 | Election Day Registration Archives [S.446] (4 DVDs: "Massachusetts Petition Fraud Caught on Camera" as Aired on FOX Undercover, | 2005, 2007      |

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|   | Nov. 6, 2005; "Introducing the League of Women Voters," April, 2007; Election Committee, April 11, 2007; Election Committee, June 13, 2007) |                         |
| 1 | Hunger  | 2006-2007               |
| 1 | Ideas for 2007-2008   | 2007-2008               |
| 1 | Marriage Amendment  | 2006-2007               |
| 1 | Public Libraries: Library Bill [S.2357] - Redraft   | March, 2006             |
| 1 | Public Libraries: Pubic Library Fund 2007-2008  | 2006-2007               |
| 1 | Public Safety: Worcester Medical Examiner   | 2004-2005               |
| 1 | Public Safety: Assault with Bodily Fluids: Correction Officers [S.1324]   | 2005                    |
| 1 | Public Safety: Assault Bill [S.1324]  | 2005-2006               |
| 1 | Public Safety: Shaken Baby Syndrome   | 2005-2007               |
| 1 | Public Safety: Drunk Driving Bill [H.1894]  | 2005-2008               |
| 1 | Public Safety: Police Training Bill [S.1342]  | 2007-2008               |
| 1 | Refiles from 2005-2006 for 2007-2008  | 2005-2008               |
| 1 | Sudan Divestment [S.2217]   | 2007                    |
| 1 | Turnpike/Big Dig Tolls  | 2005-2007               |
| 1 | Veterans: Disabled Veterans License Plate [S.2428]  | 2002-2005               |
| 1 | Veterans: Thomas Lilly and Disabled Veterans Plate [S.2428]   | 2000-2001,<br>2004-2006 |
| 1 | Miscellaneous   | 2006-2007               |

## **Series II: Correspondence, 2005-2007**

### ***Scope and Content***

This series includes constituent correspondence and other professional correspondence.

### ***Arrangement***

Materials are arranged alphabetically by topic.

| <b>Box #</b> | <b>Folder Title</b>                                    | <b>Date</b> |
|--------------|--|-------------|
| 2            | Casework and Recommendations [3 folders] [RESTRICTED]  | 2005-2007   |
| 2            | Congratulations, Grants Support [2 folders]            | 2005        |
| 2            | Contract Benefits/Education, etc.                      | 2005-2006   |
| 2            | Education Funding                                      | 2005-2007   |
| 2            | Education in General                                   | 2005-2007   |
| 2            | Healthcare, Libraries/Culture, Wine and Miscellaneous  | 2005-2007   |
| 2            | MA. Dept. of Mental Retardation/Dept. of Mental Health | 2005-2007   |
| 2            | Thank You Letters                                      | 2005        |

### **Series III: Daily Agendas, 2005-2009**

#### ***Scope and Content***

This series includes Augustus's personal agenda books.

#### ***Arrangement***

Materials are arranged approximately alphabetically.

| <b>Box #</b> | <b>Calendar Dates</b>    |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| 2            | July 5-Dec. 31, 2005     |
| 2            | Jan. 1-June 30, 2006     |
| 2            | July 1-Dec. 31, 2006     |
| 2            | Jan. 2-June 30, 2007     |
| 2            | July 2-Dec. 31, 2007     |
| 2            | Jan. 2-June 30, 2008     |
| 2            | July 1-Jan. 6, 2008-2009 |